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SUMMARY: ISRELI DEPUTY PERM REP ELIAV SAID NOV 16
HE BELIEVES THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A PALESTINIAN
RIGHTS COMMITTEE IS MORE SERIOUS THAN THE RACISM/ZIONISM
RESOLUTION. THE LATTER WAS BAD BUT IT WAS ONLY A RESOLUTION;
A NEW COMMITTEE ESTABLISHES AN INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISM
THAT MAY PLAGUE US FOREVER,
WE INFORMED HIM OF OUR ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE PROPOSAL
AND HE URGED CONTINUED LOBBYING, WHICH HE BELIEVES HAS A
GOOD CHANCE OF AT LEAST DELAYING THIS PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING A LUNCHEON CONVERSATION NOV 16, ISRAELI DEPUTY
PERM REP ELIAV TOLD POLCOUNS THAT HIS DELEGATION CONSIDERS
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THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A NEW PALESTINIAN RIGHTS
CENTER TO BE MORE SERIOUS THAN ADOPTION OF THE RACISM/ZIONISM
RESOLUTION. IN ADDITION TO THE BOVIOUS MONETARY COST
AND POLITICAL BIAS INEVITABLE IN THIS EXERCISE, HIS
DELEGATION FEELS THAT CREATION OF AN INSTITUTIONAL BODY
WILL BE DIFFICULT TO TERMINATE EVEN IF "PEACE" IS
AGREED UPON AT GENEVA. THEY BELIEVE THAT IT BEHOOVES

ALL OF US TO MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT TO BLOCK THIS PROPOSAL,
IF POSSIBLE FORESTALLING IT IN THE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS
COMMITTEE BEFORE IT EMERGES IN THE GA. THE ISRAELIS
ESTIMATE THAT A STRONG LOBBYING EFFORT HAS A GOOD CHANCE
OF PERSUADING THE MODERATE ARAB AND NON-ALIGNED IN THE
PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE TO AT LEAST DEFER ADOPTION
OF THIS PROPOSAL FOR THE TIME BEING.

2. ELIAV SPOKE STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF TACTICS DIRECTED
TOWARD KILLING THIS PROPOSAL. HE ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER,
THE TACTICAL DIFFICULTY OF PERMANENTLY BLOCKING THE PROPOSAL
AND ACCEPTED THE POSSIBILITY THAT OUR TACTICS MAY HAVE TO
TURN INSTEAD TO AN EFFORT TO DELAY THE PROPOSAL, HOPEFULLY
AT LEAST UNTIL THE 33RD GA.

3. ELIAV SAID HE BELIEVES THAT LOBBYING EFFORTS WITH THE
FOLLOWING DELEGATIONS WOULD BE EFFECTIVE AGAINST THE
PROPOSAL, PARTICULARLY IF WE MOVE NOV 17, BEFORE THE
TASK FORCE OF COMMITTEE REACHES A DECISION ON THE MATTER
AT A MEETING PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR NOV 18: THOSE ON COMMITTEE
WHICH MIGHT HELP ARE CYPRUS, GUINEA (WHICH HAS SHOWN
SOME MODICUM OF SYMPATHY TO ISREL IN THE RECENT PAST),
POSSIBLY HUNGARY, INDIA, INDOESIA ("THE US MIGHT SPEND SOME OF ITS
CURRENCY"), MALAYSIA (TIED TO THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
AND SUBJECT TO INDIAN INFLUENCE), PAKISTAN, (ANOTHER
DELEGATION WHERE THE US MAY HAVE SOME CURRENT INFLUENCE),
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ROMANIA (ISRAELIS BELIEVE ROMANIA HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN
DISCUSSION OF THIS PROPOSAL), SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, TUNISIA
(US AFRICAN CREDENTIALS SHOULD HELP) AND YUGOSLAVIA.

4. MISSION IS ENDEAVORING TO CONTACT AS MANY OF THESE
DELEGATIONS AS POSSIBLE NOV 17 ARGUING MOST STRONGLY
DEFERRAL OF THE PROPOSAL IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT
STAGE OF MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS.LEONARD

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